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1. EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA --

UKUN MISOFF GAVE USUN COMPROMISE LANGUAGE FOR BRITISH RESOLUTION ON EXPANDING SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. UK ACTING PERMREP MURRAY BELIEVES THAT AS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT HE COULD LIMIT SC DEBATE ON RHODESIA TO ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION ON FEB. 28. IN ORDER TO DO SO, HOWEVER, THE DRAFT WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE FIRST. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 491)

2. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS --

G-77 REPRESENTATIVES INFORMALLY TOLD US THEY ARE INCLINED TOWARD REJECTING THE COMPROMISE FOR 16 PRIVATE PERSONS TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (ON GROUNDS OF INADEQUATE GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION) IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED 19 CANDIDATES. THE NEXT INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE LIST OF PRIVATE PERSONS IS SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 22. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 475)
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3. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING --

THE COMMITTEE OPENED ITS FIFTH SESSION FEB. 16, CONFIRMED THE EXISTING BUREAU, APPROVED ITS AGENDA, AND AGREED TO RESUME WORK IN INFORMAL MEETINGS ON THE BASIS OF THE CHAPTERS IN THE CHAIRMAN'S CONSOLIDATED TEXT WHICH WERE NOT COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS SESSION. FOLLOWING HORTATORY OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN DADZIE (GHANA), THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ADDITIONAL SESSION IN MAY AND THE SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO FIND CONFERENCE FACILITIES. THOUGH NOT DISCUSSED FORMALLY, DENMARK OFFERED TO HOST MAY SESSION PROVIDED THERE IS SUFFICIENT PROGRESS THIS SESSION TO JUSTIFY AN ADDITIONAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN GENEVA OR NEW YORK. LATER, THE PAKISTANI REPRESENTATIVE ASKED MISOFF ABOUT US INTEREST IN CONSOLIDATING FUNDS, AND SUGGESTED IF WE DID NOT INTEND TO PUSH THE ISSUE, THE G-77 WOULD DISCONTINUE ITS CONSIDERATION OF IT.

WHEN THE INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP MET FEB. 17 THERE WAS AN

UNUSUALLY LARGE ATTENDANCE AND A SPIRITED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. USDEL (KITCHEN) SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED AGREEMENT THAT INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION BE PART OF THE PROCESS WHEREBY GA AND ECOSOC UNDERTAKE TO MAXIMIZE CONSENSUS AND COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREAS IN MULTILATERAL AREA. THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING FOCUSED ON VARYING DEGREES OF SUPPORT FOR THAT GENERAL THESIS.

IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH KITCHEN, CHAIRMAN DADZIE AS WELL AS AMB MAHGOUB (SUDAN) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA, PAKISTAN, MEXICO, TURKEY AND NIGERIA EXPRESSED SOME OPTIMISM THAT A DRAFT REPRESENTING FORWARD MOVEMENT MAY WELL RESULT FROM THIS SESSION AND THE ONE TO BE HELD IN MAY. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 470, 474)

4. OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

MAIN DEVELOPMENTS IN SUBCOMMITTEE FEB. 17 WERE: AGREEMENT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ESTABLISH INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF REJHON (CANADA), TO SEEK INFORMAL AGREEMENT ON THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "DATA AND INFORMATION" OBTAINED FROM REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES; AND EXTENDED DISCUSSION BETWEEN PROPONENTS OF RESTRICTIONS ON DISSEMINATION OF DATA/INFORMATION FROM REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES (USSR, BULGARIA, BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA), AND WESTERN ADVOCATES OF OPEN DISSEMINATION POLICY. SWEDEN SUBMITTED A NEW PAPER ENTITLED "QUESTIONS RELATING TO REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH BY SATELLITES: DEFINITION OF THE TERMS 'DATA' AND 'INFORMATION' IN CONNECTION WITH REMOTE SENSING ACTIVITIES." CANADA SUBMITTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE SWEDISH PAPER. THESE ARE BASICALLY REFINEMENTS OF THE DEFINITIONS OUTLINED IN THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORT AND FORM THE BASIS OF THE WORKING GROUP'S DELIBERATIONS. REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE UN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR SOUGHT SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON USE OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY TO HELP DEVELOPING NATIONS DEAL WITH AND LESSEN IMPACT OF NATURAL DISASTERS.

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US, UK AND AUSTRALIAN DELS CITED SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF CURRENT
AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF OPEN DISSEMINATION POLICY,
AND ILLUSTRATED PRACTICAL PROBLEMS INHERENT IN RESTRICTIVE
APPROACH. US NOTED, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT US HAS OPENLY
DISSEMINATED DATA FOR FIVE YEARS AND IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED
BY USERS IN SOME 130 COUNTRIES TO DATE, THAT THE BURDEN OF
PROOF OF NEED FOR RESTRICTIVE DISSEMINATION POLICY RESTED
WITH STATES ADVOCATING SUCH RESTRICTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, US
WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER SUCH ARGUMENTATION.
NIGERIA, IN SURPRISING TURNAROUND FROM LAST YEAR, GAVE
STRONG SUPPORT TO OPEN DISSEMINATION, AND STRONGLY QUESTIONED

THE SOVIET-PROPOSED RESTRICTIVE APPROACH. BRAZIL (LINDENBERG-SETTE), SUPPORTED BY ARGENTINA, URGED UN ADOPTION OF "DEFINITE JURIDICAL GUARANTEES" FOR SENSED COUNTRIES. THRUST OF ARGUMENT WAS THAT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE FURTHER ADVANTAGES THROUGH UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO NATURAL RESOURCES DATA OBTAINED THROUGH REMOTE SENSING, AND LDC'S MUST DEMAND PRIOR CONSENT FOR USE OF SUCH DATA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 483)

5. CONDUCT OF GREEK DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE --

BEHAVIOR OF GREEK DELEGATE EUTHIMIOS STOFOROPOULOS (DEPUTY PERM REP AND COUNSELOR OF MISSION) IN GA COMMITTEE 5 AND CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MAVERICK AND TROUBLESOME. IN COMMITTEE 5 HE NOT ONLY USUALLY PARTED COMPANY WITH WEO MEMBERS, BUT ACTIVELY WORKED WITH AND ON BEHALF OF INTERESTS OF LDC'S, FREQUENTLY JOINED MORE RADICAL DELEGATES, AND ON OCCASION EVEN COMPETED WITH THEM TO OFFER PROPOSALS OFFENSIVE TO THE GENERAL WESTERN VIEWS. HE OPENLY SIDED WITH OPEC CAMP ON VARIETY OF SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL VOTES DURING HIGHLY POLITICIZED CONSIDERATION OF UN SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS, WHEN OPEC COUNTRIES WERE ATTEMPTING TO PREJUDICE METHOD OF DETERMINING SCALE IN THEIR FAVOR. AS "REWARD" HE WAS ELECTED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO MEMBERSHIP ON COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS WITH THE HELP OF OPEC AND OTHER LDC VOTES, AND HIS VIEWS ON THAT BODY SEEM CERTAIN TO BE TILTED TOWARD OIL PRODUCERS, AND AGAINST WEO MEMBERS. GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG WEO'S IS THAT STAVROPOULOS' ANTI-WESTERN BIAS IS LARGELY FUNCTION OF HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEWS AND AMBITIONS; HOWEVER, EFFORTS OF SOME WEO COLLEAGUES TO BRING SITUATION TO ATTENTION OF GREEK PERMREP HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED SYMPATHETICALLY. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 476)

6. NEW COLOMBIAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION --

USUN LEARNED THAT COLOMBIAN DEPUTY PERM REP RAFAEL RIVAS HAS BEEN RECALLED TO BECOME MINISTER OF EDUCATION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 473)

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7. DEATHS IN UGANDA --

UN SPOKESMAN, ON BEHALF OF SYG WALDHEIM, INFORMED CORRESPONDENTS: "THE SYG DEEPLY REGRETS THE DEATHS OF ARCHBISHOP JANANI LUWUM AND THE TWO MINISTERS IN UGANDA. HE VERY MUCH HOPES THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE WILL BE CLARIFIED."

(REPEATED INFO NAIROBI)

8. UN CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP --

THE WORKING GROUP FEB. 18 DISCUSSED PARAS 59 AND 60 OF THE SECRETARIAT'S ANALYTICAL STUDY CONCERNING ROLES OF THE GA AND SC. USSR, UK AND FRANCE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE PRESENT CHARTER. ROMANIA THOUGHT UNANIMOUS OR CONSENSUS GA RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE BINDING ON MEMBERS, WHILE MEXICO DISAGREED, SAYING THAT WOULD INTRODUCE IDEA OF VETO INTO THE GA AND SOME GA RESOLUTIONS WERE ALREADY LEGALLY BINDING ON MEMBERS.
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US SUPPORTED THE MEXICAN OBSERVATION THAT THE GA HAD PASSED SOME ILL-ADVISED RESOLUTIONS WHICH SERVED NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND THE ANSWER TO THAT PROBLEM WAS DIALOGUE AMONG MEMBERS, NOT AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER. YUGOSLAVIA PROPOSED SPECIAL GA SESSION WHEN SC FAILED TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION IN SITUATIONS THREATENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. (USUN 486)

9. COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA --

THE COMMITTEE, AT CLOSED MEETING FEB. 18, ELECTED SWEDISH AMB THUNBORG AS ITS CHAIRMAN. HE SUCCEEDS RYDBECK, FORMER SWEDISH UN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE.

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